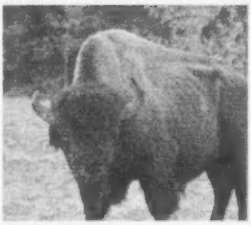


NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
PARKS FACT SHEET

Northwest Territories Industry, Tourism and Investment

OVERVIEW

Within the 1.17 million square kilometres of the spectacular Northwest Territories (NWT) are a multitude of beautiful parks and campgrounds.

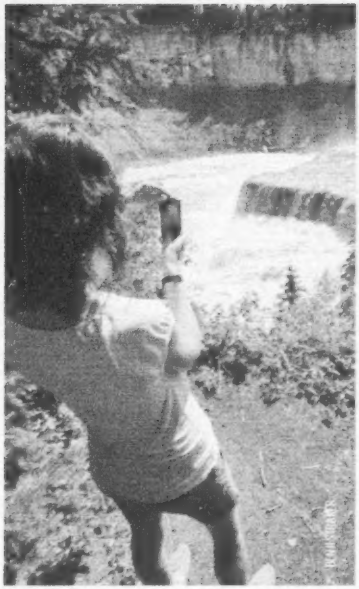
NWT Quick Facts

- Capital city: Yellowknife
- Territorial Population: 42,810
- Total Area: 1,170,000 square km
- Eleven official languages including English, French and nine Aboriginal languages
- Number of Communities: 33
- Number of Territorial Parks: 33
- Number of National Parks: 5
- Largest Lake: Great Bear Lake

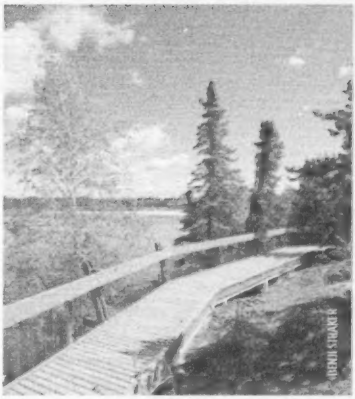
Tourism is the NWT's largest renewable resource-based sector and NWT Parks plays a key role in providing attractions, accommodations and services.

Through the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI), the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) operates 33 territorial parks throughout five regions of the NWT that include campgrounds, day use areas, wayside parks and a heritage park.

There are five National Parks in the NWT: Nahanni, Náátsʼihchʼoh, Aulavik, Tuktut Nogait and Wood Buffalo. There is also one National Historic Site: Saoyú and ʔehdacho.



Visit www.nwtparks.ca to book a campsite or for more information about parks in the NWT.

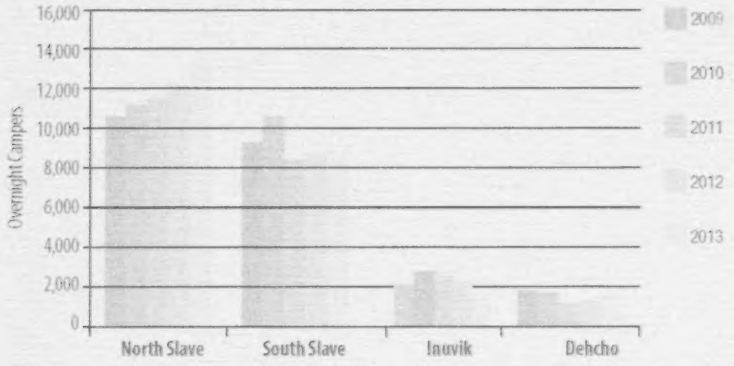


The NWT Road and Campground Guide is available at NWTParks.ca to help visitors plan their adventure. This Guide is organized by highway routes:

- **Great Slave Route:** takes you to two communities located along the southern shores of Great Slave Lake - Hay River and Fort Resolution.
- **Wood Buffalo Route:** popular stops include viewing the salt plains and bison in Wood Buffalo National Park, white water rafting on the Slave River, and watching pelicans and cranes at the Slave River rapids.
- **Waterfalls Route:** features numerous waterfalls, rivers and lakes, excellent hiking trails, sandy beaches and great fishing spots.
- **Heritage Route:** extends northwest to Fort Simpson and then on to Wrigley. It will take you through a ruggedly beautiful region of forested hills, mountains and clear lakes.
- **Liard Trail:** features inspiring views of the Liard River and the Nahanni Mountains, especially at Blackstone Territorial Park.
- **Dempster Highway:** provides the opportunity to view wildlife and enjoy some of the most beautiful wilderness scenery in the world.
- **Ingraham Trail:** dozens of lakes, campgrounds, picnic sites, forest and ancient Precambrian rock through Yellowknife's cottage country.
- **Frontier Trail:** see historic Fort Providence, the Mackenzie Valley Bison Sanctuary, sandhill cranes and waterfowl on your way to Yellowknife and Great Slave Lake.

Visitation

Park Permits – Annual Park Visitation



Visitor Origin

Origin of Overnight Campers by Year All Parks

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Canada	47.8%	49.4%	42.0%	45.5%	45.4%
USA	8.2%	6.0%	6.8%	5.9%	5.9%
Other	8.8%	6.7%	6.8%	5.9%	7.0%
NWT-Resident	35.3%	37.9%	44.3%	42.7%	41.7%

South Slave Region

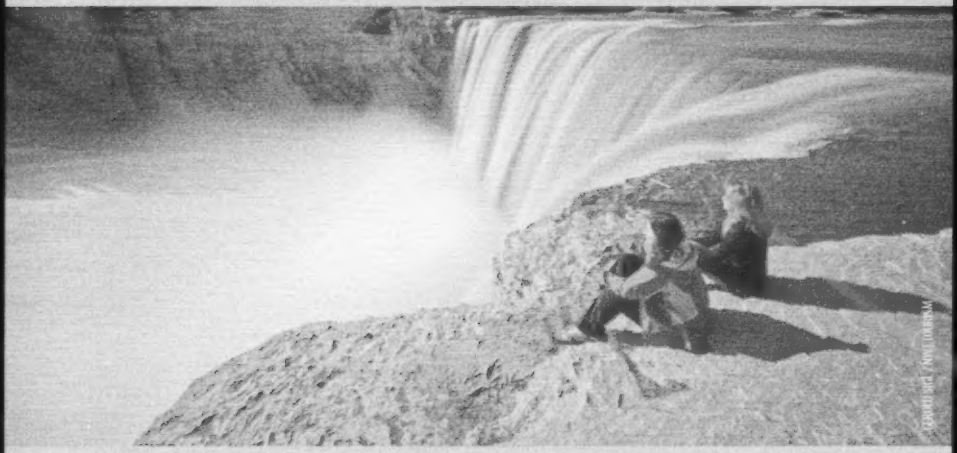
Number of Communities: 6

Number of Heritage Parks: 1

Natural Environment Parks: 2

Number of Recreation Parks (campgrounds): 6

Wayside Parks (no campgrounds): 4



Sahtu Region

Number of Communities: 5

Number of Wayside Parks: 1

Dehcho Region

Number of Communities: 6

Number of Recreation Parks (campgrounds): 3

North Slave Region

Number of Communities: 8

Number of Natural Environment Parks: 1

Number of Recreation Parks (campgrounds): 4

Number of Wayside Parks (no campgrounds): 6

Beaufort Delta Region

Number of Communities: 8

Number of Recreational Parks (campgrounds): 4

Number of Wayside Parks (no campgrounds): 1

Parks Operating Season:

Dempster Highway Route parks:
Early June – Early September

All Other Parks:
Mid May – Mid September

For general information please contact:

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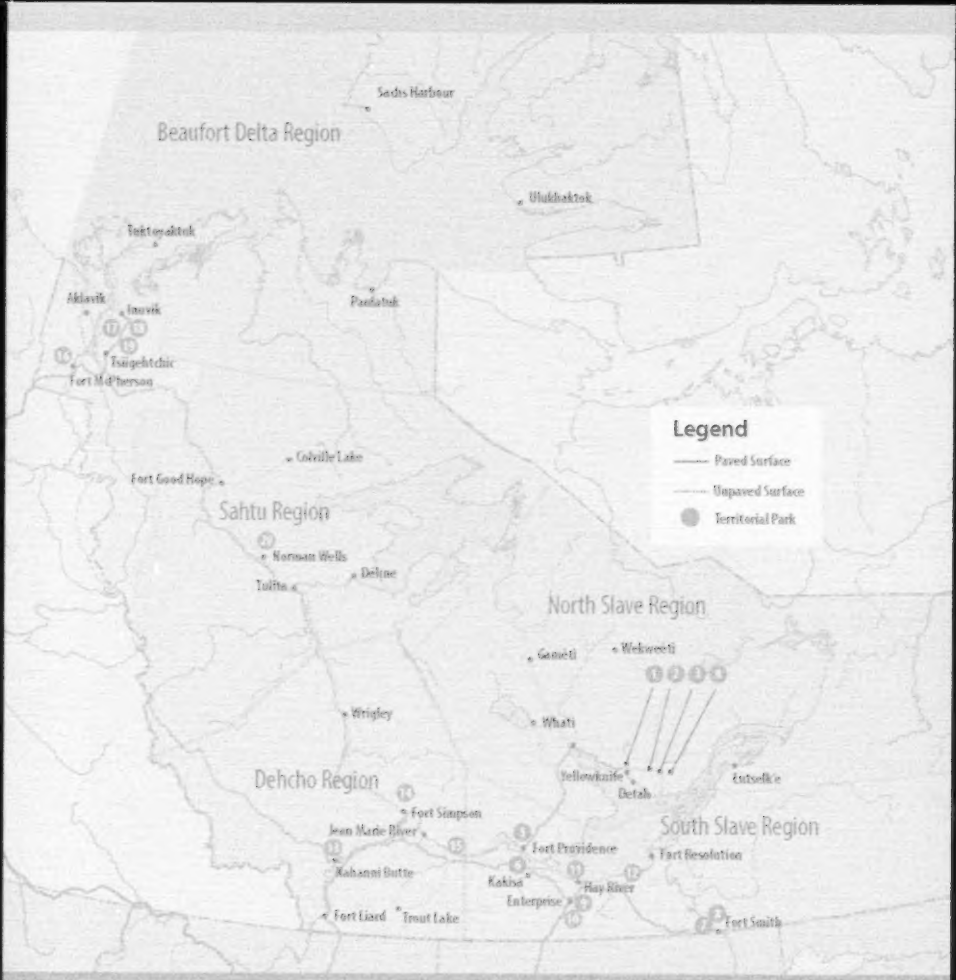

Campgrounds By Regions:

North Slave Region:

1. Fred Henne Territorial Park
2. Prelude Lake Territorial Park
3. Hidden Lake Territorial Park (Backcountry)
4. Reid Lake Territorial Park

South Slave Region:

5. Fort Providence Territorial Park
6. Lady Evelyn Falls Territorial Park
7. Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park
8. Little Buffalo River Falls Territorial Park
9. Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park
10. 60th Parallel Territorial Park
11. Hay River Territorial Park
12. Little Buffalo River Crossing Territorial Park

Dehcho Region:

13. Blackstone Territorial Park
14. Fort Simpson Territorial Park
15. Sambaa Deh Falls Territorial Park

Beaufort Delta Region:

16. Nitainlaii Territorial Park
17. Jak Territorial Park
18. Happy Valley Territorial Park
19. Gwich'in Territorial Park

Sahtu Region:

20. McKinnon Territorial Park

Parks

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